



October 5, 2010

Jon M. Capacasa Water Protection Division, Region III Environmental Protection Agency 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

Re: "Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Notice for the Public Review of the Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay"

Federal Register, September 22, 2010, pages 57776-57778

Dear Mr. Capacasa:

The National Turkey Federation (NTF) respectfully requests an extension of 120 days on the comment period for the draft TMDL documents.

NTF represents nearly 100 percent of all turkey processors, as well as turkey growers, breeders, hatchery owners and allied companies. We are the only national trade association representing the turkey industry exclusively. There is significant turkey production in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and are very interested in working with EPA on efforts to restore the bay.

Due to the complexity of the TMDL documents, we would like to have adequate time to analyze and develop comments that will be of assistance to EPA.

Sincerely,

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